

1.—Family Allowances Statistics by Province, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1954 and 1955

NOTE.—Figures for 1952 and 1953 are given in the 1955 Year Book, p. 259.

Province or Territory and Year	Families Receiving Allowance in March	Children for Whom Allowance Paid in March	Average Number of Children per Family in March	Average Allowance— ¹		Net Total Allowances Paid During Fiscal Year
				per Family	per Child	
				\$	\$	
	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
Newfoundland.....1954	55,102	163,292	2-96	17-70	5-97	11,497,719
.....1955	56,692	169,760	2-99	17-91	5-98	11,967,775
Prince Edward Island.....1954	13,205	35,441	2-68	16-22	6-04	2,558,097
.....1955	13,142	35,812	2-72	16-54	6-07	2,590,704
Nova Scotia.....1954	95,715	233,076	2-43	14-73	6-05	16,716,374
.....1955	97,478	238,896	2-45	14-84	6-05	17,147,920
New Brunswick.....1954	75,189	205,785	2-74	16-50	6-03	14,700,819
.....1955	76,229	210,640	2-76	16-68	6-03	15,073,324
Quebec.....1954	585,050	1,562,685	2-67	16-20	6-06	111,441,301
.....1955	605,916	1,624,055	2-68	16-27	6-07	116,057,182
Ontario.....1954	712,592	1,489,030	2-09	12-54	6-00	104,409,819
.....1955	744,736	1,574,703	2-11	12-68	6-00	110,492,480
Manitoba.....1954	116,238	253,803	2-18	13-11	6-00	17,979,854
.....1955	119,594	264,274	2-21	13-26	6-00	18,705,349
Saskatchewan.....1954	123,753	281,344	2-27	13-80	6-07	20,244,540
.....1955	126,424	290,359	2-30	13-92	6-06	20,894,790
Alberta.....1954	154,258	339,803	2-20	13-24	6-01	23,958,080
.....1955	161,737	361,551	2-23	13-39	5-99	25,390,585
British Columbia.....1954	181,241	367,834	2-03	12-26	6-04	25,904,496
.....1955	188,471	388,442	2-06	12-45	6-04	27,405,872
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....1954	4,366	9,951	2-28	13-94	6-11	702,801
.....1955	4,608	10,550	2-29	13-69	5-98	739,984
Canada.....1954	2,116,769	4,942,044	2-33	14-08	6-03	350,113,902
.....1955	2,195,027	5,169,042	2-35	14-20	6-03	366,465,965

¹ Based on gross payments for March.

Subsection 2.—Old Age Security*

Under the Old Age Security Act (R.S.C. 1952, c. 200), effective January 1952, a universal pension of \$40 a month is payable by the Federal Government to all persons aged 70 or over, subject only to a residence qualification. Residence requirement is 20 years immediately preceding commencement of pension with certain temporary absences allowed. Where the applicant has not so resided for the complete 20 years the periods of absence may be made up by having been present in Canada, prior to the 20 year period, for double the periods of absence; for these persons there is a further requirement of one year's residence immediately preceding the commencement of the pension.

Payment of the pension is suspended when the pensioner leaves Canada. On his return the pension may be resumed and, if absences have not exceeded six months, payment may then be made retroactively for as many as three months of absence in any calendar year.

* The Old Age Pensions Act of 1927 under which old age pensions were paid jointly by the Federal and Provincial Governments, ceased to be effective Dec. 31, 1951, at which time all recipients thereunder were automatically transferred to the rolls of the universal pension under the Old Age Security Act 1951.